

HOUSE RESOLUTION 225
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Wayne A. Ritchie, II for his outstanding service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those colleagues who during their tenures in the General Assembly have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose professionalism will serve as a benchmark for future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wayne A. Ritchie, II is one such person who has been an important presence on Capitol Hill for three terms and six years as a member of the House of Representatives; his illustrious legislative career will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 1998 Session of the One-Hundredth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious service in the House of Representatives in 1993, Wayne Ritchie has distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, as an exemplary member of the House, Representative Ritchie has been an astute and eager participant in the legislative process as a member of the Committees on Finance, Ways and Means and Judiciary; and

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WHEREAS, in serving the good people of Knox County, Representative Ritchie has been attentive to and supportive of the needs of his constituents and the needs of the people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, although he received his undergraduate and law school degrees from Wake Forest University and Vanderbilt Law School, respectively, Representative Ritchie is an avid supporter and fan of University of Tennessee athletics and never misses a game; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by his colleagues as a team player who sometimes picks up the ball and runs the wrong way, Representative Ritchie is nevertheless respected among his peers as a true gentleman whose talents and energy will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Representative Ritchie is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Margaret; daughter, Natalie; and son, Robert Wayne II; and

WHEREAS, the 17th House District has been well represented by this prominent legislator, as he has served in every capacity with acumen, industry and humanity; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Representative Wayne Ritchie for his innumerable services to Tennessee, and we honor him upon his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Representative Ritchie our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

